

[Translation]

Exploration of Coal

2481. SHRI SUSHEEL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the coal deposits and the places where these are available;

(b) the target fixed for exploration thereof for 1991-92 and the target achieved by December 31, 1991;

(c) the target fixed for exploration of coal by 2000 A.D. ;

(d) whether the Government propose to take the help of Coal India along with State Governments and Electricity Boards for achieving the said target.

(e) if so, the steps to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) whether the private parties are proposed to be allowed for the exploration of coal in the captive mines keeping in view the fact that the generation of power is likely to be handed over to the private sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOURA): (a) Coal reserves estimated by Geological Survey of India as on .1.93 are 196.02 billion tonnes upto a depth of 1,200 metres. Coal deposits in India are distributed in the sedimentary basins in the State of West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern Region.

(b) The target of meterage to be drilled during the year 1991-92 and the actual achievement is given below:-

(figures in lakh metres)

Company	Target (1991-92)	Actual (April-Dec.'91)
Coal India Limited	3.21 (2.66 revised by CIL)	2.02
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd	1.20	0.65

(c) Planning Commission has indicated a drilling programme of 15.06 lakh metres for Coal India Limited and 5.40 lakh metres for Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. for eighth plan period as whole. The target for ninth plan period has not yet been indicated by the Planning Commission.

out by S.C.I.L. Actual drilling work is done partly through Departmental rigs and partly by engaging Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. State Govt. Agencies etc. At present, there is no proposal to hand over coal mines to private parties.

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(d) to (f). Central Mine Planning and Design Institute is the nodal agency for detailed exploration in the coalfield areas falling under Coal India Limited. In Godavari Valley Coalfield, exploration work is carried

2482 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: